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39/1. Promotion and protection of human rights in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

The Human Rights Council,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenants on Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments,

Reaffirming the primary responsibility of States to promote and protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of their citizens and to fulfil their obligations under the human rights treaties and agreements to which they are parties,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/251 of 15 March 2006 and Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007,

Recalling in particular that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights has the mandate to, inter alia, play an active role in removing the current obstacles and in meeting the challenges to the full realization of all human rights and in preventing the continuation of human rights violations throughout the world,

Bearing in mind that hundreds of thousands of nationals of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, including men, women and children, are forced to leave their country as a result of, inter alia, a political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis that seriously affects their human rights,

1. *Welcomes* the report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights entitled "Human rights violations in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela: a downward spiral with no end in sight", published in June 2018;

2. *Expresses its deepest concern* at the serious human rights violations in a context of a political, economic, social and humanitarian crisis, as documented in the above-mentioned report;

3. *Calls upon* the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to accept humanitarian assistance in order to address the scarcity of food, medicine and medical supplies, the rise of malnutrition, especially among children, and the outbreak of diseases that had been previously eradicated or kept under control in South America;

4. *Urges* the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to cooperate with the Office of the High Commissioner and the mechanisms of the Human Rights Council;

5. *Requests* the High Commissioner to prepare a comprehensive written report on the human rights situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and to present it to the Human Rights Council at its forty-first session, to be followed by an enhanced interactive dialogue, and to present an oral update on the human rights situation to the Council at its fortieth and forty-second sessions.

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[Adopted by a recorded vote of 23 to 7, with 17 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, Croatia, Ecuador, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Japan, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Against:

Burundi, China, Cuba, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Pakistan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)

Abstaining:

Angola, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Iraq, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Nepal, Nigeria, Philippines, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, South Africa, Togo, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates]